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# News Release

## **ALABAMA MAN INDICTED FOR TRYING TO BOARD A COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT WITH CONCEALED KNIVES**

*If convicted, suspect faces up to 10 years in prison and \$250,000 fine*

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – A federal grand jury yesterday indicted an Alabama resident for attempting to board a commercial aircraft with dangerous weapons, following a joint investigation by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the FBI.

Mohammed S. Anini, 37, of Hokes Bluff, Ala., was charged in a one-count indictment filed at the U.S. District Court in Birmingham. The indictment charged Anini with attempting to board an aircraft while having concealed, on his person or in his possession, dangerous weapons that could be accessible to passengers while in flight. Prior to boarding, representatives of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) provided information to ICE agents regarding Anini. Without TSA's outstanding assistance, the apprehension would not have been possible. Michael A. Holt, ICE New Orleans special agent-in-charge; U.S. Attorney Alice H. Martin of the Northern District of Alabama; and Carmen Adams, FBI special agent-in-charge made the announcement.

"This case is alarming because the individual obviously intended to fly on a commercial aircraft while carrying concealed weapons," said Michael A. Holt, ICE New Orleans special agent-in-charge. "We will continue to be vigilant, especially in cases where any weapons are involved." Holt oversees the ICE Office of Investigations for the states of: Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas and Tennessee.

"Passengers on airlines should be aware that we take very seriously anyone who knowingly attempts to board aircraft with dangerous weapons," stated U.S. Attorney Alice H. Martin.

The maximum sentence for attempting to board an aircraft with dangerous weapons is 10 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Herbert H. Henry is prosecuting this case.

Members of the public are reminded that the indictment contains only charges. A defendant is presumed innocent of the charges, and it will be the government's burden to prove a defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt at trial.

# ICE #

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